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Dear Michelle

AQW 22386/22-27: To ask the Minister for Communities to detail to (i) the members of the Northern Ireland Museums Council; and (ii) the dates on which they became members.

Due to the volume of detail required to answer your question, the information attached at Annex A has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely,

**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

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This issue is an operational matter for the Northern Ireland Museums Council (NIMC).

I have sought the requested information from the Director, who has advised me as follows:

“NIMC has three categories of member: Museum Member; Supporting Member; and Associate Member as outlined in the tables below:

<i>NIMC Museum members</i>
<i>North Down Museum</i>
<i>Armagh Observatory</i>
<i>Armagh Robinson Library</i>
<i>Craigavon Museum</i>
<i>Barn Museum</i>
<i>Armagh County Museum</i>
<i>FE McWilliams Gallery</i>
<i>Ballycastle Museum</i>
<i>Limavady Museum</i>
<i>Coleraine Museum</i>
<i>Green Lane Museum</i>
<i>Ballymoney Museum</i>
<i>Tower Museum</i>
<i>Downpatrick & County Down Railway</i>
<i>Fermanagh County Museum</i>

<i>Garvagh Museum</i>
<i>Inniskilling Museum</i>
<i>Linenhall Library</i>
<i>Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum</i>
<i>Carrickfergus Museum</i>
<i>Andrew Jackson Centre & US Rangers</i>
<i>Milford House Collection</i>
<i>Ardress House</i>
<i>The Argory</i>
<i>Castle Ward</i>
<i>Florence Court</i>
<i>Hezlett House</i>
<i>Mount Stewart</i>
<i>Springhill House</i>
<i>Down County Museum</i>
<i>Newry & Mourne Museum</i>
<i>Northern Ireland War Memorial</i>
<i>Police Museum</i>
<i>Royal Irish Fusiliers Museum</i>
<i>The Siege Museum</i>
<i>Somme Heritage Centre</i>
<i>Mid-Antrim Museum</i>

<i>NIMC Associate members</i>
<i>Bloody Sunday Trust/Museum of Free Derry</i>
<i>Camus Heritage - The Church of the Immaculate Conception</i>
<i>Conway Street Community Enterprise</i>

<i>Dan Winter's</i>
<i>Roddy McCorley</i>
<i>Digital Repository of Ireland</i>
<i>Foyle Valley Railway</i>
<i>Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland</i>
<i>Headhunters Barber Shop & Railway Museum</i>
<i>Historic Environment Record of NI</i>
<i>HMS Caroline</i>
<i>Irish Football Association</i>
<i>Monaghan County Museum</i>
<i>National Museums Northern Ireland</i>
<i>Public Records Office NI</i>
<i>Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund</i>
<i>Servite Trust NI - Benburb Priory</i>
<i>The Naughton Gallery at Queens</i>
<i>The Whitehouse</i>
<i>Thrive</i>
<i>Ulster Aviation Society</i>
<i>Ulster New Zealand Trust - Ballance House</i>
<i>Ulster University, Faculty of Arts</i>

There are also 29 Individuals who are Associate members of NIMC whose names cannot be published due to GDPR.

<i>NIMC Supporting Members</i>
<i>Mid and East Antrim District Council</i>

NIMC does not keep a record of the date of when membership starts”.

For any future queries relating to operational matters, you may wish to contact NIMC directly. Making direct contact with NIMC will ensure that you receive the information in the shortest possible timeframe and make best use of public resources.